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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM-FOA-DRU/FM

FROM: SAF/FMC  
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SUBJECT: A-76 Independent Review Official (IRO) Standards During Transition to AFAA  
IRO OPR

The Secretary of the Air Force approved the transfer of Air Force IRO responsibilities from the comptroller organization to the AFAA in Nov 01. AFAA created a new division at Wright-Patterson AFB OH (AFAA/MSC) that will assume IRO responsibility for all draft A-76 solicitations issued after 1 Jan 02. If ongoing studies reasonably maintain their projected time lines, the transition of the IRO function to AFAA should be complete by 1 Jun 02. However, if the comptroller organization has completed the independent review of an ongoing study before 1 Jun 02, but the Air Force has not made a final award decision, the comptroller organization should retain IRO responsibility for any recertifications, appeals, or protests required after 1 Jun on that particular study.

AFI 65-504 has been rescinded effective 31 Dec 01 and the draft Air Force Independent Review Guide will no longer be used for independent reviews effective 31 Dec 01. However, any IRO review initiated using the Air Force Independent Review Guide prior to 31 Dec 01 should be completed under the Air Force Guide. Beginning in Jan 02, the AFAA plans to follow the draft DoD IG "Guide for Independent Review of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 Studies" to conduct their IRO reviews. For any draft A-76 solicitations released prior to 1 Jan 02 where Air Force comptroller personnel did not begin the IRO review before 31 Dec 01, comptroller personnel must use the draft DoD IG Guide for the review. AFAA/MSC will be OPR for questions on interpreting the DoD IG Guide, and SAF/FMCE's role will be to assist AFAA/MSC, as requested.

In some cases, AFAA will ask to participate with the comptroller organization in ongoing IRO reviews prior to 1 Jun 02. AFAA will not assume IRO responsibility for these studies, but will participate on the comptroller-led IRO team to gain on-the-job training while working with an experienced IRO team.

AFAA's eventual complete assumption of IRO responsibility will strengthen the Air Force A-76 program and allow comptroller organizations to contribute in other ways, such as serving on cross-functional IRO teams (when requested by AFAA), and assisting steering groups with costing questions.

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